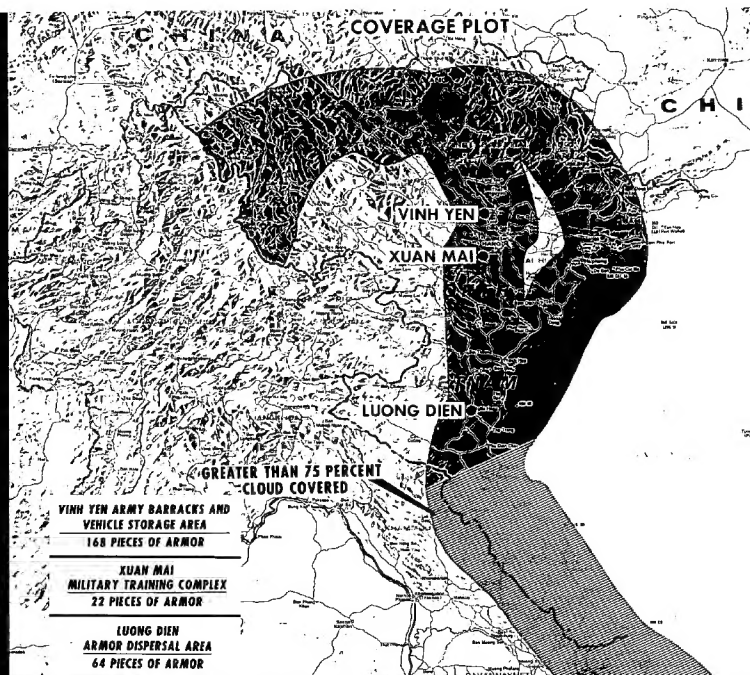


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1. SIGNIFICANCE: LARGEST AND GREATEST NUMBER OF ARMOR CONCENTRATIONS OBSERVED IN NORTH VIETNAM TO DATE.

2. LOCATION: VINH YEN ARMY BARRACKS AND VEHICLE STORAGE FACILITY [] IS 20 NAUTICAL MILES (NM) NORTHWEST OF HANOI AT 21-21-22N 105-37-04E.

XUAN MAI MILITARY TRAINING COMPLEX [] IS 15 NM SOUTHWEST OF HANOI AT 20-53-14N 105-34-48E.

LUONG DIEN ARMOR DISPERSAL AREA ([]) IS 29 NM SOUTHWEST OF THANH HOA AT 19-23-08N 105-42-45E.

3. REMARKS: SIXTY-FOUR TANKS, THE LARGEST ARMOR CONCENTRATION OBSERVED IN NORTH VIETNAM PRIOR TO THE JANUARY 1973 CEASE-FIRE, WERE PRESENT AT

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4. MISSION READOUT: ARMOR CONCENTRATIONS WERE OBSERVED IN THREE AREAS IN NORTH VIETNAM ON 17 DECEMBER.

VINH YEN ARMY BARRACKS AND VEHICLE STORAGE AREA - AT THE VEHICLE STORAGE FACILITY (PARTIALLY DEPICTED ON GRAPHIC), 83 PIECES OF ARMOR AND SEVEN UNIDENTIFIED PIECES OF EQUIPMENT WERE PRESENT. THE PIECES OF ARMOR INCLUDED 60 TANKS, 12 PROBABLE TANKS, 10 M-1967 (APC), AND ONE PROBABLE ARV.

ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT WAS PARKED IN DISPERSED AREAS WITHIN FOUR NM OF THE FACILITY. THE DISPERSED EQUIPMENT INCLUDED 75 PIECES OF ARMOR, 22 TPM, 29 MAZ-537, 28 LOWBED TRAILERS AND 21 UNIDENTIFIED PIECES OF EQUIPMENT. THE PIECES OF ARMOR WERE 48 TANKS, ONE POSSIBLE TANK, NINE PROBABLE TANKS, FOUR BTR-60, TWO PROBABLE BTR-60, 10 BTR-60 PB, AND ONE M-1967 (APC).

IN ADDITION, ONE TANK WAS ON THE TANK FIRING RANGE AT HUU THU TANK TRAINING AREA () NEAR VINH YEN. SEVEN TANKS AND TWO PROBABLE TANKS WERE ALSO OBSERVED IN THE AREA.

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XUAN MAI MILITARY TRAINING AREA (PARTIALLY DEPICTED ON GRAPHIC) -

TWENTY-TWO TANKS WERE SEEN DISPERSED IN SMALL GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE
ARMOR TRAINING AREAS. NO LARGE STORAGE AREAS WERE PRESENT.

LUONG DIEN ARMOR DISPERSAL AREA (PARTIALLY DEPICTED ON GRAPHIC) -

THIS NEWLY IDENTIFIED DISPERSAL AREA IS 5.5 NM SOUTHWEST OF CONG PHU
RAILROAD SIDING [] WHERE 10 TANKS WERE SEEN ON []

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[] NO PERMANENT FACILITIES ARE PRESENT WITHIN THE AREA.

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A TOTAL OF 47 TANKS AND 17 BTR-60 PB WAS OBSERVED IN SEVEN PARKING
AREAS

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ENLARGEMENT FACTOR: 40X

XUAN MAI TEOC AL475 & AL477 COMPLETE CLEAR
STEREO BLACK AND WHITE 5

ENLARGEMENT FACTOR: 25X

LUONG DIEN OBC 333 & 336 COMPLETE CLEAR
STEREO BLACK AND WHITE 5

ENLARGEMENT FACTOR: 40X

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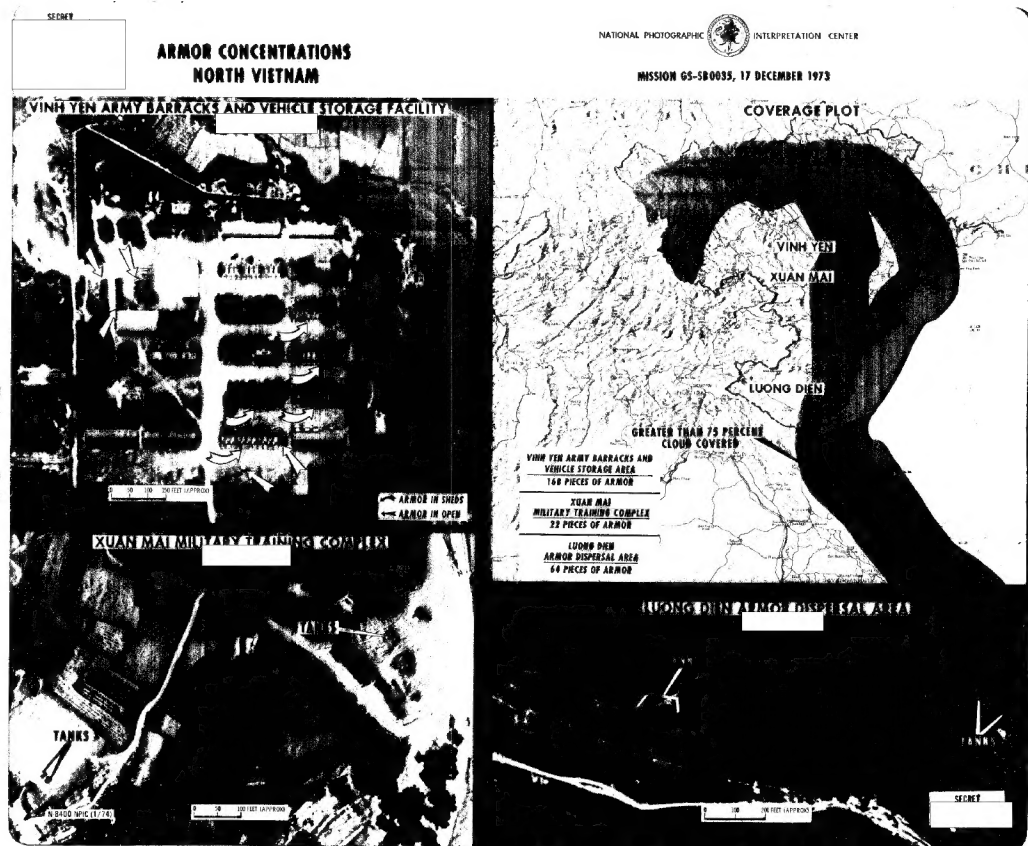
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